

RESOLUTION C-2014-18 AMENDED DOCKET

**INTRODUCED BY: JOHN FRIEND
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**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVANSVILLE,
INDIANA, SUPPORTING LAND BASED GAMING FOR TROPICANA EVANSVILLE.**

WHEREAS, The Common Council of the City of Evansville, Indiana hereby urges the General Assembly to authorize land based gaming for existing river boat casinos; and,

WHEREAS, Tropicana Evansville, formerly Casino Aztar, located in Evansville, Indiana, as the State's first river boat casino in 1995; and,

WHEREAS, Tropicana Evansville has proven to be an outstanding corporate citizen to the City of Evansville, Indiana; and,

WHEREAS, Tropicana Evansville has invested significantly in the City of Evansville, Indiana, including but not limited to the river boat casino, hotel, parking garage, a pavilion with pre-boarding facilities, retail shops, restaurants and a lounge area. Additionally, a new entertainment district with a boutique hotel and additional restaurants was opened in 2006; and,

WHEREAS, Tropicana Evansville has a work force in excess of 900 employees; and,

WHEREAS, Tropicana Evansville is a first generation river boat that will require substantial investments to maintain; and,

WHEREAS, Tropicana Evansville, enjoys annual revenues in excess of one hundred twenty million dollars; and,

WHEREAS, Tropicana Evansville paid \$26.7 million dollars in wagering taxes and \$3.4 million dollars in admission taxes in State fiscal year 2013; and,

WHEREAS, Tropicana Evansville paid the City of Evansville, Indiana, \$6.2 million dollars for lease year 2013; and,

WHEREAS, Tropicana Evansville is currently a three level river boat operation which cannot effectively compete with single level land based operations; and,

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the State of Kentucky will eventually authorize land based casinos which could result in Tropicana Evansville river boat operations' revenues being reduced by 50% or more; and,

WHEREAS, Tropicana Evansville's largest competitor, the Harrah's Metropolis, Metropolis, Illinois, will be a land based casino by the end of 2014; and,

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WHEREAS, Ellis Park is a land based facility within 5 miles of Tropicana Evansville with instant race machines. Ellis Park has the potential to expand current operations and go to full land based gaming operations once Kentucky approves gaming; and,

WHEREAS, for Tropicana Evansville to remain competitive and financially strong, it is imperative that the General Assembly permit it to have land based gaming operations; and,

WHEREAS, by allowing Tropicana Evansville to have land based gaming operations the current docking facilities can be utilized by the World War II LST 235 that has considered relocating to another State due to poor docking facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF EVANSVILLE, INDIANA, HEREBY urges the General Assembly of the State of Indiana to authorize land based gaming operations for Tropicana Evansville.

PASSED BY, the Common Council of the City of Evansville, Indiana, on the 14th day of July, 2014.

A copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to: all members of the General Assembly (House and Senate).

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council and signing by the Mayor.




John Friend, President of the Common
Council, City of Evansville, Indiana

ATTEST: Laura Windhorst
Laura Windhorst, City Clerk

Presented by me, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Evansville, Indiana, to the Mayor of Evansville this 15 day of July, 2014, at 5 o'clock p.m. for his consideration and action thereon.

Laura Windhorst
Laura Windhorst, City Clerk
City of Evansville, Indiana

Having examined the foregoing resolution, I do now, as Mayor of the City of Evansville, Indiana, approve said resolution and return the same to the City Clerk this 16th day of July, 2014, at 2:30 o'clock p.m.



Lloyd Winnecke, Mayor
City of Evansville, Indiana